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SUBJ: BOMBS DISCOVERED AT CHILEAN CONSULATE GENERAL, FRANKFURT

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

1. ON JANUARY 1, 1976, THREE BOMBS WERE DISCOVERED IN THE CHILEAN CONSULATE GENERAL, FRANKFURT, FREDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN NEWSPAPER, FRANKFURTER BUNDSCHAU, DATED JAN 2, 1976, PROFESSOR ESCHENBACH, WHO OCCUPIES AN OFFICE IN THE SAME BUILDING WHERE THE CHILEAN CONSULATE GENERAL IS LOCATED, NOTICED EVIDENCE OF BREAK-IN AT APPROXIMATELY 10:30 A.M. JAN. 1, AND NOTIFIED THE CHILEAN CONSUL GENERAL AND THE POLICE. THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE APPARENTLY GAINED ACCESS TO THE BUILDING SOMETIME DURING THE NIGHT OF DEC 31, JAN 1, THROUGH A GOUND FLOOR TOILET WINDOW IN THE REAR OF THE BUILDING--THE ONLY WINDOW NOT HAVING BARS OR GRILLWORK.

A SEARCH OF THE CONSULATE YIELDED THREE BOMBS, EACH CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 2.2. POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES, ACTIVETED BY A TIMING DEVICE

ON BOMB HAD BEEN PLACED INSIDE A LARGE CABINET, THE SECOND PLACED IN FRONT OF A ND THE THIRD IN RECEPTIONIST'S AREA. THE TIMING DEVICES HAD BEEN SET FOR 4:00 P.M.

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3. ACCORDING TO FRANKFUR PLICE WHO ARE CONDUTING THE INVESTIGATION, THE BOMBS CONTAINED A "PLASTIC TYPE" EXPLOSIVE, EACH BOMB HAVING APPROXIMATELY 2.2 POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVE. THE BOMBS, "SET TO GO OFF AT ABOUT 40:00 P.M." WERE DEFUSED AT APPROXIMATELY 2:00 P.M. BY PLOICE BOMB EXPERTS. THE TIMING DEVICE "WAS TICKING, ALTHOUGH POLICE AUTHORITIES HAVE INDICATED THAT THE "WATCH WAS NOT WORKING RIGHT" AND AT THIS TIME THERE IS SOME QUESITON AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE DEVICE WOULD HAVE ACTUALLY DETONATED.

4. THE POLICE ARE UNABLE TO STATE AT THIS TIME WHETHER OR NOT ANYTHING WAS TAKEN, ALTHOUGH SOME DESKS AND CABINETS HAD BEEN BROKEN OPEN.

5. NO ONE HAS THUS FAR CALIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMBS AND THE POLICE ARE AWAITING THE TECHNICAL REPORT COVERING THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. THE POLICE HAVE AGREED TO FURNISH CONGEN WITH A COPY OF THE REPORT WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT UPON RECEIPT TOGETHER WITH ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INVESTIGATION INFORMATION.

6. CONGEN MSGS HAVE BEEN INFORMED. PACKAGE CONTROL AND OTHER ANTI-BOMB MEASURES HAVE BEEN TIGHTENED. BLAKE

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